

### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Arthur Kluegel on 2/27/2009.

The application has been amended as follows: Claims 18 and 19 have been cancelled.

### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

2. Claims 1-4, 6-8, 10-17, and 20-21 are allowed.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

A statement of reasons for allowance of claims 1-4, 6-8, 10-17 and 20 is found in the previous action. In regards to claim 21, a previous rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph has been withdrawn in view of applicant's amendments to the claims.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JOHN A. HEVEY whose telephone number is (571)270-

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3594. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 8:00 AM to 5:30 PM EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jessica Ward can be reached on 571-272-1223. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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